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XIII. PROPAGANDA AND PRESS

We must say that in respect to the agitational forms and methods of our organisation we have good achievements, but we cannot say this in relation to propaganda. In relation to propaganda work we are still very weak.

The only organisation which stands firmly on its feet in this respect - is Germany. At the present time following it comes France. All the other organisations, not excluding our best organisations, Chinese and American, are as yet unable to properly place the propaganda work. And here the propagandist work we have to substitute with our press. The press is divided into periodic and unperiodic.

In relation to the periodic press on January 1, 1931, there were issued abroad 56 journals in 19 languages, namely, German, Spanish, Jewish, Italian, French, Bulgarian, Chinese, Danish, Polish, Greek, Lettish, Russian, Portuguese, Ukrainian, Rumanian, Czech, English, Hebrew and Arabic.

The number of publications is growing from year to year. In this respect one can say that the Executive Committee and its organisations can record certain achievements.

The Executive Committee has a periodic organ - a journal in the German language which is called Mopr

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Zeitschrift which means, MOPR's Journal.

Due to a number of conditions we consider that it will be advisable that our local organisations should publish their organs in their localities and that we should direct them, instead of concentrating all this matter in our hands.

Then we have published a number of pamphlets regarding the revolutionary movement. During the recent times we started the publication of the memories of the revolutionists. So for instance we have published the Memories of Haywood, and the Memories of Piatnitzky and Shapovalov.

I would also indicate that in the Executive Committee we are occupied at the present time with working out the publication of a Block-Note, where there would be brought out an historic survey about the origin of every individual section and its work, according to the type of our Block-Note in the U.S.S.R.

In relation to the non-periodic publications I would like to point out among others to the following: We decided that it is necessary to follow the example of the Tsarist times, and to publish a pamphlet, How to Act When Arrested and When Cross-Examined. It is true, that a whole number of our sections have already a pamphlet on how a proletarian must defend himself before the court, but this is not the thing, which in its time was our pamphlet - How to Conduct Yourself under Cross-Examination.

In this pamphlet must be clearly expressed that by
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truthful or invented story a comrade will not achieve anything, will not relieve the situation for himself, but instead can throw into jail many people. This is particularly important at the present time when the number of arrests is on the increase. For arrests take place after every strike, after demonstrations of the unemployed, after peasant uprisings, etc.

Here we have to deal with mass arrests, and it is necessary to achieve the carrying out of our old line - not to give any statements in the court or at the cross-examination.